Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are the Government aware that there are very many cases existing in the town which are not taken to the Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—May I know whether the Typhoid fever is on the increase?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Statistics are not available to give an accurate answer.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was not a regulation brought to this Council once?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Is there any register for cases of contagious fever?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There is no separate register.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government take the advice and maintain a register of contagious fever?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—We have a register of diseases and from that we can find out.

Rabid dog bite—treatment of.

332. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases for rabid dog bite treated in the General Hospital, Ernakulam, in 1108 and 1109;

(b) the expenditure incurred by the Government for the treatment referred to in (a);

(c) whether the Government are aware that rabid dogs are on the increase in the State;

(d) whether any remedial steps for the destruction of the rabid dogs are being taken?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

	1108.	*1109 (7 months.)*
	498	331.

(b) (i) *Maintenance charges.*

Rs. 936—12—0. Rs. 718—13—0.

(ii) *Cost of Vaccine.*

Rs. 2,899 Rs. 2,214.

(c) No.

(d) Yes. They are being killed.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—From the number of cases given here do not Government think that the rabid dogs are on the increase?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The number of cases treated cannot be said to be due to the increased number of rabid dogs. The same dog may bite many persons.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do not the maintenance charges include the T. A. of the officers in the Revenue Department?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether the rabid dogs are killed at the instance of Government agency or by the Municipality?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Municipalities as well as the Panchayats do it.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—How are they being killed? Are they beaten to death or by any other humane method?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—They are beaten to death.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Are the Government aware of the system in vogue in Madras for killing dogs? There the dogs are sent into a room and some poisonous gas is introduced into that room. Whether the Government have any idea to introduce that system here?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There are very few cases here and hence that method is not adopted.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—That system is possible in places like Madras and Bangalore. All the dogs could easily be brought to one place. Here it is not so. We have to collect all the rabid dogs from the whole State. That is a difficult thing. And the number too is not so large. Then it requires a costly machinery.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Is the cost so very prohibitive? May I know what the approximate cost would be?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—It is said that dogs are beaten to death. Does it include Ernakulam Municipality? Are the Government aware that it is done so in the Ernakulam Municipality?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I am not aware.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are the Government aware that it is done by any other means?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I am not aware of any other means till now.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I think beating to death is as merciful as any other method. The thing is that the blow should be such that the animal dies at once.

Road in Kunnamkulam Bazaar—completion of.

333. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 14 dated 22nd January 1934, what further steps have been taken

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly